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RETAIL OUTLETS BY PRIVATE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of retail outlets set up by private sector to market transportation fuel namely Motor Spirit (MS), High Speed Diesel (HSD) and Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF), as on date, State-wise ;

(b) whether these private companies have fulfilled their obligation for setting up of at least 5.6% of their Retail Outlets (RO) in remote areas and at least 5.3% of their Retail Outlets in low service areas ; and (

(c) if not, the action taken by the Government for not fulfilling these obligations, company-wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) Government have granted authorization to market transportation fuels to four private companies namely, M/s. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), M/s. Essar Oil Limited (EOL), M/s. Shell India Marketing Pvt. Limited (SIMPL) and M/s. Reliance Petroleum Limited (RPL). The State-wise number of Retail Outlets (ROs) set up by RIL, EOL and SIMPL as on 1.3.2007, is shown at Annex. However, RPL have not set up any RO in the country so far.

(b) & (c) : The private companies have not been able to fulfill their obligation for setting up of atleast 5.6% of their ROs in remote areas and atleast 5.3% of their ROs in low service areas due to certain reasons. The position in this regard is monitored to ensure fulfilment of these obligations also.